

American Recovery and Reinvestment Act Presentation

Community Services Block Grant



AGENDA

- Overview of CSBG ARRA Funds
- Intent of Funds
- Eligibility Requirements
- Information Memorandum 109 (OCS)
- Eligible Federal Objectives
- Reporting Requirements
- Request for Proposal (RFP)
- Forms



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- Make supplemental appropriations for job preservation and creation, infrastructure investment, energy efficiency and science, assistance to the unemployed, and State and local fiscal stabilization, for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2010, and for other purposes.

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- According to the Office of Community Services:
 - Due to the unique nature and purposes of the Recovery Act and to support the President's unprecedented effort to jumpstart the economy, States should encourage eligible entities to use Recovery Act Fund for employment-related services and activities that create and sustain economic growth in communities in keeping with the requirements of the CSBG Act.

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SEC. 3. PURPOSES AND PRINCIPLES.

(a) STATEMENT OF PURPOSES.—The purposes of this Act include the following:

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- (1) To preserve and create jobs and promote economic recovery.
- (2) To assist those most impacted by the recession.
- (3) To provide investments needed to increase economic efficiency by spurring technological advances in science and health.
- (4) To invest in transportation, environmental protection, and other infrastructure that will provide long-term economic benefits.
- (5) To stabilize State and local government budgets, in order to minimize and avoid reductions in essential services and counterproductive state and local tax increases.

(b) GENERAL PRINCIPLES CONCERNING USE OF FUNDS.—The President and the heads of Federal departments and agencies shall manage and expend the funds made available in this Act so as

- to achieve the purposes specified in subsection (a), including commencing expenditures and activities as quickly as possible consistent with prudent management.

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● According to the Office of Community Services:

- Eligible entities are expected to focus assistance provided with Recovery Act Funds on activities geared towards the preservation and creation of jobs to promote economic recovery and the provision assistance to those most impacted by the recession.

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\$1,000,000,000 for carrying out activities under sections 674 through 679 of the Community Services Block Grant Act, of which no part shall be subject to section 674(b)(3) of such Act: *Provided*, That notwithstanding section 675C(a)(1) and 675C(b) of such Act 1 percent of the funds made available to each State from this additional amount shall be used for benefits enrollment coordination activities relating to the identification and enrollment of eligible individuals and families in Federal, State, and local benefit programs: *Provided further*, That all funds remaining available to a State from this additional amount after application of the previous proviso shall be distributed to eligible entities as defined in section 673(1) of such Act: *Provided further*, That for services furnished under such Act during fiscal years 2009 and 2010, States may apply the last sentence of section 673(2) of such Act by substituting "200 percent" for "125 percent."

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- States are required to distribute not less than 99% of the funds to eligible grantees
- 1% reserved for benefits enrollment coordination activities

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Intent of CSBG ARRA Funds

- Assist Colorado citizens to become more self-sufficient
- Provide services related to employment, nutrition, housing, health, better use of available income, education, emergency services
- Assist in the reduction of poverty, the revitalization of low-income communities, and the empowerment of low-income families and individual in rural an urban areas to become fully self-sufficient



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Eligibility Requirements

Individuals and families at 200 percent of poverty. (This differs from the standard federal guideline of 125 percent of poverty)

The 2009 Poverty Guidelines for the 48 Contiguous States and the District of Columbia

Persons in Family	Poverty Guideline	200 % of Poverty
1	\$10,830	\$21,660
2	\$14,570	\$29,140
3	\$18,310	\$36,620
4	\$22,050	\$44,100
5	\$25,790	\$51,580
6	\$29,530	\$59,060
7	\$33,270	\$66,540
8	\$37,010	\$74,020



Information Memorandum 109

- CSBG dollars must be used in the areas of:
 - employment
 - education
 - better use of available income
 - housing
 - nutrition
 - emergency services
 - health
- To combat the central causes of poverty.
- Special emphasis is being placed on using these dollars for employment, specifically job training.



Information Memorandum 109

- “States should help to ensure that eligible entities:
 - provide a wide range of innovative employment-related services and activities tailored to the specific needs of their community;
 - use funds in a manner that meets the short-term and long-term economic and employment needs of individuals, families and communities;
 - make meaningful and measurable progress toward the reform goals of the Recovery Act with special attention to creating and sustaining economic growth and employment opportunities.”



Information Memorandum 109

- No administrative dollars
- Can not supplant other funds in agency
- Can be used for new programs
- No carry-over dollars



Eligible Federal Objectives

Employment

- information about employment and job training; job counseling; participation in planning and coordination of the Workforce Investment Act (WIA) or participation in community employment programs

Education

- advice and guidance to eligible youth and adults about educational opportunities, support of Head Start programs, to arrange for partnerships and coordinated initiatives in education projects



Eligible Federal Objectives

Income Management (better use of available income)

- energy efficiency activities, household financial counseling, alternative energy installations, Weatherization Support

Housing

- information about housing services, counseling on homeownership, counseling in landlord/tenant relations, home repair and residential rehab services



Eligible Federal Objectives

Emergency Services

- one-time payments to help meet emergency needs and professional services to help persons meet one-time emergencies or recover from disasters

Health

- transportation to medical services, screenings, rural health programs, mental health screening referral and treatment



Eligible Federal Objectives

Nutrition

- administer the Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) nutrition program, counseling about family and children's nutrition



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Reporting Requirements

- Current reporting requirements apply
- There will be additional reporting requirements
 - ensure transparency and accountability
 - track and report separately on expenditures
- The reporting requirements under the Recovery do not modify the CSBG Act or the accountability and report requirements of the CSBG Act. States and eligible entities must continue to fulfill all reporting requirements in the CSBG legislation in addition to those of the Recovery Act



Tracking and Monitoring Requirements

- Recovery Funds and activities must be clearly distinguishable from non-Recovery Act funds and activities
- Funds must be accounted for separately:
 - separate CFDA number – 93.710
 - separate CAN number – 2009G99UTRN
 - separate drawdowns in the Payment Management System
- Two separate audits will be required
- States are required to monitor eligible entities' administrative, financial and program operations as prescribed in the CSBG Act



Colorado's Program Requirements

Calendar

RFP Distribution.....	April 24, 2009
Grantee Meeting with Tripartite Board.....	Prior to June 15, 2009
Public Hearing (with legal posting).....	Prior to June 15, 2009
Proposals Due.....	June 15, 2009
Grant Money Awarded.....	July 1, 2009
Program and Financial Reports.....	Due Quarterly
Reimbursement Requests.....	Due Monthly
Grant Money Spent.....	September 30, 2010



Colorado's Program Requirements

- Services must be provided on or before September 30, 2010
- A final report from the States is due on or before December 29, 2010
- **Eligible grantees must provide Colorado their final report no later than October 31, 2010.**



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Request for Proposal

- Responsible agency
 - contact individual's name, address, phone, fax and email
- Chosen category(s)
 - health, nutrition, housing, employment, education, emergency services, and/or better use of available income



Request for Proposal

- Reason why specific category(s) was chosen with a clear justification
- Detailed description of the project identified to reduce poverty



Request for Proposal

- Entities using subgrantees or other organizations to implement this project must provide documentation that they are eligible for federal funds. Consult the state to verify the ineligible parties list.



Request for Proposal

- Identification of population served.
- Detailed budget outlining expenditure strategy.
- Description of any other funds committed to be utilized for the project.



Request for Proposal

- Disclosure of any other Recovery Act funds awarded from other agencies that will be included in the project, including the amount of funding leveraged.
- Projected outcome for the customer/clients being served (outcome statement).



Request for Proposal

- Estimation of number of individuals/families anticipated to move out of poverty because of this project.
- Description of how the tripartite board will be used in this project.
- Frequency of project status updates provided to the tripartite board.



Request for Proposal

- Will the project continue after the ARRA funds have been spent? If so, how will the agency sustain the project? If not, how can the agency ensure there will be no negative after effects?



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Forms

- Monthly Reimbursement Report
- Quarterly Financial Status Reports
 - October 5, 2009
 - January 5, 2010
 - April 5, 2010
 - July 5, 2010
 - October 31, 2010
- Quarterly Program Status Reports
 - Due with quarterly financials



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